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In re application of

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CONNECTION DETECTING APPARATUS,  
CONNECTION DETECTING METHOD, AND  
RECORDING MEDIUM FOR RECORDING  
PROGRAMS EXECUTING THE METHOD

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced U.S. patent application please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

**Please amend the claims as follows:**

1. (Amended) A connection inspecting apparatus for inspecting connection of a connected part, which comprises:
- an irradiation part for applying a radiation to the connected part of members with an application condition kept invariant;
  - a scintillator for converting a radiation passed through the connected part to a visible light;
  - an imaging device for picking up transmission images of the connected part generated from the scintillator for a plurality of number of times with changing a storage time;

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